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SLUMPING FLAIR AND HENNIG ON THE OUTS?

Former WWF World champion **Ric Flair** and his "executive consultant" **Curt Hennig** had an argument and shoving match after Flair's title loss to current champion **Randy Savage** on April 8 at K-Wing Stadium in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Savage, who won the title from Flair at WrestleMania VIII in Indianapolis on April 5, needed slightly under 11 minutes to pin Flair during the April 8 television taping. Afterward, the "Nature Boy" and "Mr. Perfect" shoved each other and argued all the way back to the dressing room. Apparently, the argument developed over a difference in match strategy.

"It was pretty hot," said one WWF rulebreaker who requested anonymity. "Once they got back to the dressing room, they were in each other's faces pretty good. Hennig had his ring face on, that's for sure."

Flair took on Hennig and **Bobby "The Brain" Heenan** as part of his management team upon entering the WWF last year. Heenan is "technical adviser" and oversees Flair's financial matters. Hennig is responsible for providing scouting reports and match strategy—and for interfering at ringside.

The duo promised to make Flair champion and did, realizing the dream on January 19 when Flair brawled for over an hour and won the 30-man Royal Rumble battle royal in Albany, New York.

Ric Flair & Curt Hennig: different directions?

During his title reign, Flair, one of the cockiest wrestlers in the history of the sport, revealed photographs of himself and Savage's wife **Elizabeth**, who Flair claims he had an affair with some time ago. Savage was enraged, and although the photos were later discovered to have been altered, they provided the impetus for Savage's surprising victory at WrestleMania VIII.

"Hennig and Flair disagreed on the photos," the rulebreaker said. "Flair wanted to release them, and Hennig wanted to hold them back for a while. After wrestling in the NWA all those years, Flair doesn't know the mindset of any of these guys. Curt knows every one of them inside out. He knew that the photos would focus Savage on destroying Flair. And he was right."

Rumors have persisted that Hennig is contemplating a return to the ring. The former Intercontinental champion has been sidelined by a back injury since losing the I-C title to Hart at SummerSlam '91 last August. Despite the title loss, Hennig has made a name for himself in a managerial capacity and would not return to active competition unless he received total clearance from his physician.

Should the rift widen between Flair and Hennig, it would set up a match that could be a classic. Both men are outstanding scientific wrestlers with a penchant for the dramatic, and the rancor between them would provide additional ring fireworks. It would also be interesting to see which one would receive the support of Heenan, whose contributions can't be overlooked. But that is purely speculation at this juncture.

While the Flair camp has refused comment on the incident, the "Nature Boy's" slump continues. The eight-time champion lost to **Davey Boy Smith** on April 12 in Sussex, England.

At the same time, Savage looks stronger than ever. Besides pinning Flair, he also defeated the dangerous **Irwin R. Schyster** on the same card. Schyster was going for the rare double of WWF singles and tag team champion. The "tax man" and **"Million-Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase—Money Inc.**—also hold the World tag team title.

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The California Connection has an interesting arrangement. **John Tatum** and

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WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

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Neil Superior

His name looks like something out of a Monty Python skit, but new South Atlantic Pro Wrestling champion **Neil Superior** is assuring friends and foes alike his title reign will be no "flying circus."

On April 12 in Hagerstown, Maryland, Superior defeated the hated **Helmut Hesler** to capture the belt. Superior won after **Keven "The Truth" Casey**, Hesler's nasty manager, went to clobber him with a golf club and instead hit Hesler. Superior promptly rolled up his stunned foe for the pin.

Despite the circumstances, Superior insists his victory was no fluke.

"Don't look at how I won," the budding star said, "look at the rest of the match. I completely dominated Hesler. Why do you think Casey interfered in the first place? He knew that if he didn't get involved, Hesler was sure to lose the belt. He was protecting his guy, and the plan blew up in his face."

Fans of independent wrestling on the East Coast aren't surprised by Superior's success. For about a year, the handsome young champion has been dazzling opponents with solid scientific maneuvers and a unparalleled ability to move around the ring.

"This may sound silly," offered SAPW official **Greg Price**, "but Superior really is superior to most of the people he wrestles. Hesler is no slouch and Neil went in there and took it to him. I think he's going to hold the belt much longer than people expect."

To those who scoff at the worth of the SAPW title, Superior has these words.

"I don't regard this as a minor-league belt," he said. "There are great wrestlers here in SAPW, and I'm proud to be its champion. If any of you guys on the independent circuit want to come down here and take a shot at the belt, let's go, I'm ready to rumble!"

MATCH OF THE WEEK

Alexander Graham Bell probably didn't have **Paul E. Dangerously** in mind when he invented the telephone.

The mastermind of The Dangerous Alliance has saved the World tag team championship belts of **Bobby Eaton** and **Arn Anderson** countless times, and April 11 at the Murfree Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was no exception.

Eaton and Anderson's opponents were **Rick** and **Scott Steiner**, who have come close to winning the title on several occasions. The Steiners scored a clean pinfall victory in Atlanta on March 8. Unfortunately, it came in a non-title match. Since then, Dangerously has compiled more saves than **Dennis Eckersley**, ensuring that his team retain the title via disqualification.

Dangerously was not at ringside as the match began. The Steiners were, as usual, very fired up and took immediate control. Their lethal combination of speed and strength had both Eaton and Anderson in a daze, struggling to regain their balance.

Rick executed a double clothesline from the top rope, and Scott pulled off his "Frankensteiner," scissor-whipping Eaton to the mat for the pin attempt.

Crazed as usual, Dangerously came sprinting up the runway. Trying to change the advantage, he tossed his cellular telephone about 25 feet to Anderson, who waited on the ring apron. Anderson jumped into the ring and hit Scott Steiner over the head with the phone, aborting the title-changing three-count.

"It's my fault," Rick Steiner said. "I should've tackled Anderson."

"Just reaching out and putting the touch on the Steiners," said Paul E., very self-satisfied. "Another day at the office."

"We'll get 'em," said Scott, referring to the belts. "And when we're through, we'll get *Paul*, too!"

YAY & NAY

This week, we begin with a "yay" to new WWF World champion **"Macho Man" Randy Savage**. At the WWF television taping last week in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Savage made not one, but two successful title defenses, defeating **Irwin R. Schyster**, then pinning the man from whom he won the belt at WrestleMania VIII: **Ric Flair**. These victories would seem to indicate that Savage will enjoy a memorable second World title reign.

At that same TV taping, **Rick "The Model" Martel** earned himself a "nay" for another cologne attack, this time on his latest rival, **Tatanka**. The Native American sensation had just defeated a preliminary opponent when Martel ran to the ring and spritzed him in the face with his atomizer full of "Arrogance." If Martel thinks that will deter the young star, he's sadly mistaken. Martel should have already realized that after he lost to Tatanka at WrestleMania VIII.

"Yay" to WWC Universal champion **Carlos Colon** for putting his title on the line when he wrestles his friend, **Invader I**, this coming Sunday in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. The bout was scheduled originally to be a non-title affair, but Colon decided to give his friend a shot at the belt. Both men should realize, however, that this contest threatens to wreck their friendship.

"Nay" to the GWF for sanctioning a "get stripped and lose" match between referee **James Beard** and manager **Bruce Prichard**. Such ridiculousness can do nothing for the sport of wrestling. Besides, how many folks want to watch these two wrestle? C'mon, GWF, start offering matches that people really want to see. Don't waste the fans' time.

"Yay" to **Junkyard Dog**. Since returning to WCW, this popular veteran has proven to be a loyal ally to his friends and a terror to his enemies. In addition, he and **Ron Simmons** have become tag team contenders, posing a serious threat to U.S. tag champs **Greg Valentine** and **Terrence Taylor**, and to World titlists **Arn Anderson** and **Bobby Eaton**. Those teams are learning that, in JYD's case, his bite is worse than his bark!

THIS WEEK

April 18-April 24. All dates subject to change.

Sat/18
CWF: Paragould, AK
Ind.: Cloverdale, BC; Lehman, PA
MSW: Stillwater, OK
PNW: Portland, OR
USWA: Nashville, TN
WCW: Charleston, SC
WWC: Caguas, PR
WWF: Glasgow, Scotland

Sun/19
BDPW: Dallas, TX
WWF: Sheffield, England
WWC: Bayamon, PR

Mon/20
NAWA: Dallas, TX
USWA: Memphis, TN

Tue/21
NAWA: Dallas, TX
USWA: Louisville, KY

Wed/22
USWA: Evansville, IN

Thu/23
ICWA: Tampa, FL
PWF: Jacksonville, FL
WCW: Bluefield, WV

Fri/24
GWF: Dallas, TX
PNW: Eugene, OR
WCW: Hazard, KY

THIS WEEK: Revenge is on the mind of Rick "The Dragon" Steamboat, who is breathing fire after The Dangerous Alliance broke his nose. His anger is promised to be unleashed on Saturday night in Charleston, South Carolina, when he steps into the ring against U.S. champion Rick Rude. "I don't even care about winning the belt!" an enraged Steamboat told us. "I just want vengence—and I don't care how I get it. If fans are expecting armdrags and takedowns in this one, they're not going to get them!"

- Kerry Von Erich, back in the WWF, takes on terrifying Papa Shango on Saturday in Glasgow, Scotland.
- It's a friendly rivalry Sunday in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, as old friends Carlos Colon and Invader I will battle for the coveted Universal title.
- Veteran "Diamond" Timothy Flowers will bring a mystery partner to the ring Saturday to battle Buddy Rose and Michele Starr in Cloverdale, British Columbia.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

ATLANTA: Something's got to be done about the disqualification rule in title bouts. There were three championship matches at The Omni, and in all three, the champion retained the belt via disqualification. Even Sting, whose been pinning everyone recently, needed a DQ from Big Van Vader to retain the World title. Meanwhile, the frustration is starting to show on Rick and Scott Steiner. They've compiled a string of victories over World tag champs Arn Anderson and Bobby Eaton, but each one has been tainted by disqualification. Hey, K. Allen Frey, do something about this! Wrestling fans—and writers—want to see title changes, not technicalities!

—Chris Bernucca

MESQUITE, TX: Was that Rod Price exhibiting compassion at a Mid-American Wrestling Alliance card at the Villa Inn? I could hardly believe my eyes! The "California Stud" joined The Stomper and The Natural One in beating the tar out of newcomer Carl Colt. Stomper was going to whip Colt with his weight belt, but offered the "honor" to Price, who refused. "The boy's been beaten enough," Price said. Of course, this refusal by Price warranted his own bloody beating at the hands of Stomper and The Natural One. Iceman Parsons and Action Jackson saved Price from further damage. This feud is going to heat up quicker than spring in Texas.

—Andy Rodriguez

MEMPHIS, TN: There are more 'Dogs in the USWA than the local kennel. Three weeks ago, Big Black Dog joined Moondogs Spot and Spike in their regularly scheduled mayhem. Then, after Jerry "The King" Lawler put Moondog Spike on the shelf with a blow to the head, a new Moondog named—get this—Cujo made his first appearance, teaming with Spot to defeat Lawler and Jeff Jarrett. In case anyone has forgotten, The Moondogs are still the tag team champions. And it doesn't matter what combination manager Richard Lee chooses to use—the team's still unbeatable.

—Bob Smith

TOLEDO, OH: Roddy Piper may no longer be WWF Intercontinental champion, but he's still charismatic—and tough. The "Rowdy Scot" reinstituted his "Piper's Pit" program at a television taping here. His first guest was "Brooklyn Brawler" Steve Lombardi, who took Piper to task for not hitting Bret Hart with the ring bell during their I-C title bout at WrestleMania. Brawler told Piper that he would have clobbered Hart and taken the title and intends to do that very thing in the near future. Piper responded by drilling Brawler with the bell. The incident recalled when Piper hit Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka with a coconut. It's good to see the return of "Piper's Pit." It's even better to see the show's host as a fan favorite.

—Liz Hunter

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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April 19, 1980

About 15 months before he began an unprecedented run of seven NWA/WCW World titles and a WWF World title, "Nature Boy" Ric Flair wrestled what witnesses remember to be one of the finest matches of his life when he defeated incredible aerial specialist Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka at the Greensboro Coliseum to capture the coveted U.S. championship.

A FAN'S VIEW

I have been an avid wrestling fan for years, and I understand how the different federations recognize—or fail to recognize—the other federations. Wrestling is a business, and each organization is out to make themselves look like the *best* federation. So why even acknowledge that other federations exist?

The WWF is a prime example of the corporate side of wrestling. When Ric Flair entered the WWF with his WCW championship belt—claiming he was "the *real* world champion"—the belt was soon video distorted. Fans unfamiliar with other wrestling leagues were left wondering where Flair came from, and why there was another belt around.

The WWF television commentators said nothing about where the "Nature Boy" wrestled before, but I must say that I was surprised that Flair was favored for title matches ahead of other competitors such as Davey Boy Smith, Randy Savage, and Sid Justice.

WCW also doesn't mention other federations specifically, but they will mention if a wrestler has been a champion "elsewhere." Mentioning a federation such as the WWF might actually make someone watching the program turn their attention toward the other federation, and WCW can't afford to lose fans.

I would like to see the WWF and WCW openly compare wrestlers on TV programs, but it will never happen. It's simply because of the business aspect of the sport. So don't expect to hear about The Dangerous Alliance on the WWF, or about Lex Luger's progress in the WBF on WCW—it just won't happen.

—Adam Lamontagne

(The writer is a wrestling fan from Springvale, Maine. Send your comments of about 250 words to: A Fan's View, c/o ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly****, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity.)*

TRANSACTIONS

DEBUTED: A new member of USWA tag team champions The Moondogs. Cujo has joined the team, replacing Spike, who received a head injury at the hands of Jerry Lawler. USWA officials are allowing Cujo and Spot to defend the tag team championship.

FORMED: A new tag team named High Energy, in the WWF. The team consists of Owen Hart and Koko B. Ware.

INJURED: WCW star Terrence Taylor. Taylor has been forced out of action with an unspecified leg injury. Taylor's partner, Greg Valentine, teamed with Mike Graham as a substitute for recent cards.

RETURNED: Dino Bravo, to the WWF. Kerry Von Erich, to the WWF.

WON: The WWC tag team title, by Ron Starr and Doug Masters, on April 11, in Caguas, Puerto Rico. Starr and Masters defeated Bronco I and El Ciclon Salvadoreno to capture the belts.

The Middle Atlantic States National championship, by Les Thornton, on April 11, in Dallas, Pennsylvania. Thornton pinned Teijho Khan in a battle of top contenders to capture the title.

The Atlantic Coast mid-heavyweight title, by "Exotic" Adrian Hall, on April 11, in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania. Hall defeated Ricky Blues to capture the championship.

The South Atlantic heavyweight title, by Neil "The Power" Superior, on April 12, in Hagerstown, Maryland. Superior defeated Helmut Hesler to capture the championship.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

The Ultimate Warrior

WHO'S HOT

The Ultimate Warrior. Now that he's back in the WWF, the buzz on the street is electric!

Lew Cella. A talented fella—and the reigning Middle Atlantic States champion.

Joey Maggs. There's no finer independent star anywhere than "Jumpin' " Joey.

"Genius" Lanny Poffo. It doesn't take a high IQ to see he's still a great wrestler.

Rick Steamboat

WHO'S NOT

Rick Steamboat. If he doesn't watch his volatile temper, he'll never defeat Rick Rude.

Papa Shango. Now 0-1 in the big match department.

Nurse Kratchitt. Enough, already!

Ted DiBiase & Irwin R. Schyster. Cheaters, liars, cowards, and tax cheats—and those are their *best* traits!

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Who did Randy and Bill Mulkey defeat in their first professional tag team match?
2. How many times has Bret Hart held the WWF Intercontinental title?
3. What sport did Roddy Piper compete in before becoming a wrestler?
4. What PWF star is known as the "Gorgeous" one?
5. What ring name did The Ultimate Warrior use while competing in the World Class area?
6. Who did Eric Embry defeat to win the World Class light heavyweight title at SuperClash III (1988)?
7. Who battled Ivan Koloff at Clash of the Champions IV?
8. What ring name did Cactus Jack use in the World Class area?
9. What IWCCW star is known as the "Blandon Basher"?
10. Who were the hosts of the first *PWI* videotape, *Lords Of The Ring*?

ANSWERS

1—The Gladiators; 2—Twice; 3—Boxing; 4—George South; 5—The Dingo Warrior; 6—Jeff Jarrett; 7—Paul Jones; 8—Cactus Jack Mansion; 9—Jimmy Deo; 10—Gordon Solie & Bill Apter.

RATINGS

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TOP 10

1. **RANDY SAVAGE (2)** — *WWF World champion*
2. **STING (1)** — *WCW World champion*
3. **BRET HART (4)** — *WWF I-C champion*
4. **RICK RUDE (3)** — *WCW U.S. champion*
5. **BIG VAN VADER (10)** — *No. 2 contender: WCW title*
6. **SHAWN MICHAELS (-)** — *No. 1 contender: I-C title*
7. **RICK STEAMBOAT (-)** — *No. 1 contender: U.S title*
8. **RIC FLAIR (5)** — *No. 3 contender: WWF title*
9. **EDDIE GILBERT (6)** — *GWF North American champion*
10. **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (9)** — *USWA Southern & Texas champion*

TAG TEAMS

1. **BOBBY EATON & ARN ANDERSON (1)** — *WCW World tag team champions*
2. **RICK & SCOTT STEINER (2)** — *No. 1 contenders: WCW tag team title*
3. **IRWIN R. SCHYSTER & TED DIBIASE (3)** — *WWF World tag team champions*
4. **HACKSAW DUGGAN & SGT. SLAUGHTER (-)** — *No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title*
5. **THE MOONDOGS (-)** — *USWA tag team champions*
6. **THE LEGION OF DOOM (-)** — *No. 2 contender: WWF tag team title*
7. **M.A. BAGWELL & TOM ZENK (7)** — *No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag team title*
8. **THE GRAPPLER & STEVE DOLL (-)** — *Pacific Northwest tag team champions*
9. **TERRY SIMMS & SCOTT PUTSKI (6)** — *Global tag team champions*
10. **JEFF JARRETT & JERRY LAWLER (8)** — *No. 1 contenders: USWA tag team title*

WCW
World Champion: STING (C)
1—RICK RUDE (1)
2—BIG VAN VADER (4)
3—RICK STEAMBOAT (5)
4—STEVE AUSTIN (2)
5—BRIAN PILLMAN (3)
6—NIKITA KOLOFF (6)
7—RON SIMMONS (8)
8—JUNKYARD DOG (-)
9—JOHNNY B. BADD (7)
10—CACTUS JACK (10)

WWF
World Champion: RANDY SAVAGE (C)
1—BRET HART (1)
2—SHAWN MICHAELS (6)
3—RIC FLAIR (2)
4—DAVEY BOY SMITH (-)
5—THE MOUNTIE (-)
6—ULTIMATE WARRIOR (-)
7—IRWIN R. SCHYSTER (-)
8—THE UNDERTAKER (7)
9—BERZERKER (-)
10—SID JUSTICE (5)

GLOBAL
North American champion: EDDIE GILBERT (C)
1—SAM HOUSTON (1)
2—DAN DAVIS (2)
3—GARY YOUNG (7)
4—BILL IRWIN (3)
5—STEVEN DANE (-)
6—TERRY SIMMS (6)
7—THE VIPER (9)
8—BULL PAIN (-)
9—BIG BAD JOHN (8)
10—DARK PATRIOT (4)

USWA
USWA Champion: KAMALA (C)
1—BRIAN CHRISTOPHER (1)
2—TOM PRICHARD (5)
3—JERRY LAWLER (2)
4—TONY ANTHONY (4)
5—ERIC EMBRY (3)
6—BIG BLACK DOG (8)
7—TONY FALK (10)
8—JEFF JARRETT (7)
9—KING COBRA (-)
10—CAT GARRETT (-)

PNW
PNW champion: RON HARRIS (C)
1—JESSE BARR (8)
2—BART SAWYER (3)
3—C.W. BERGSTROM (7)
4—MIKE WINNER (1)
5—AL MADRIL (10)
6—STEVE DOLL (2)
7—THE GRAPPLER (4)
8—DON HARRIS (6)
9—COL. DeBEERS (5)
10—BUDDY ROSE (9)

PWF
PWF champion: ITALIAN STALLION
1—GEORGE SOUTH
2—MARK CANTERBURY
3—BLACK SCORPION
4—CRUEL CONNECTION II
5—FLAMING YOUTH
6—STARR RYDER
7—RUSSIAN ASSASSIN
8—GLADIATOR II
9—SOUTHERN ROCKER
10—GENTLEMAN JAMES

PWI WEEKLY ROUND-UP

SUSSEX, ENGLAND, Sunday, April 12: WWF at Brighton Centre: **Tito Santana** pinned **Repo Man** . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** pinned **Shawn Michaels** . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** pinned **Dino Bravo** . . . **The Legion of Doom** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Ric Flair** . . . World champion **Randy Savage** pinned **The Mountie.**

—Colin Bowman

ATLANTA, GA, Sunday, April 12: WCW at The Omni: **Tom Zenk** pinned **Greg Valentine** . . . **Nikita Koloff** pinned **"Diamond" Dallas Page** . . . **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** pinned **Richard Morton** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **Cactus Jack** . . . **Junkyard Dog** & **Barry Windham** defeated **Larry Zbyszko** & **Steve Austin** when Windham pinned Zbyszko . . . **Rick Steamboat** defeated U.S. champion **Rick Rude** by disqualification . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated World tag team champions **Arn Anderson** & **Bobby Eaton** by disqualification . . . World champion **Sting** defeated **Big Van Vader** by disqualification when Vader hit the referee.

—Ed Crawford

DALLAS, TX, Sunday, April 12: Big D Pro Wrestling at the Rocket Palace: **Animal** pinned **Johnny Angel** to win the Big D light heavyweight title . . . **Awesome Kong, Ray Evans,** & **C.J.** battled **Eric Fontaine, Jimmy James,** & **Big D** to a double-countout . . . **Hurricane Mike** pinned **Khris Germany** . . . **Tug Taylor** pinned **Steven Dane** . . . **The Blackbirds** defeated **Fat Boy Potatoes** & **Ebony** when **Action Jackson** pinned Ebony following a powerslam . . . **Shawn Stevens** pinned **Chaz** after **Billy Joe Travis** hit Chaz with brass knuckles.

—Freddie Fargo

HAGERSTOWN, MD, Sunday, April 12: National Wrestling League/South Atlantic at Moose Lodge 212: **Little Louie** beat **Tiger Jackson** in 11:51 with a rollup . . . **Tom Brandi** pinned **Jimmy Deo** in 19:47 following a power bomb . . . **Koko B. Ware** pinned **The Dragon Master** in 17:12 . . . **Rusty "The Fox" Thomas** pinned **Heidi Lee Morgan** after manager **Keven "The Truth" Casey** interfered in 15:36 . . . **Neil Superior** defeated **Helmut Hesler** in 14:27 to win the South Atlantic title.

—Timothy A. Walker

CAGUAS, PUERTO RICO, Saturday, April 11: WWC at the Arena: **Randy Rhodes** pinned **The Rockin' Rebel** . . . **Rex King** pinned **Texas Hangman Killer** . . . **Invader I** pinned **Fidel Sierra** . . . Universal champion **Carlos Colon** defeated **Ronnie Garvin** by submission with a figure-four leglock in a bout that required the winner to use his customary finishing maneuver . . . **Ron Starr** & **Doug Masters** defeated **Bronco I** & **El Ciclon Salvadoreno** to capture the tag team title when Starr pinned Bronco . . . **Miguel Perez Jr.** & **La Ley** beat **Dick Murdoch** & **Joe Don Smith** when Perez pinned Murdoch . . . **Ricky Santana** battled **Heartbreaker Adonis** to a double-countout.

—Pablo Soto

WAR, WV, Saturday, April 11: PWF at War High School: **Italian Stallion** won an eight-man battle royal . . . Junior heavyweight champion **"Gorgeous" George South** defeated **Flaming Youth** . . . **Black Scorpion** beat **Southern Rocker** . . . **"Mean" Mark Canterbury** beat **Star Ryder** . . . **Gladiator II** beat **Gentleman James.**

—Jess Tweeks

PORTLAND, OR, Saturday, April 11: Pacific Northwest at the Sports Arena: **Jesse Barr** wrestled **Bart Sawyer** to a 10-minute draw . . . **The Bruise Brothers** defeated **C.W. Bergstrom** & **Mike Winner** . . . **Sandy Barr** beat **Al Madril** . . . **Brickhouse Brown** defeated **John Rambo** by disqualification . . . Tag team champions **Steve Doll** & **The Grappler** defeated **Al Madril** & **Mike Miller** by reverse decision.

—Kenn Jones

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, Saturday, April 11: Mid-South Wrestling Alliance at the National Guard Armory: **Treacherous Junior** pinned **The Oklahoma Kid** with a small package . . . **Chief Standing Bear** & **Red Eagle** defeated **Rick Garrett** & **The Masked Psycho** when Eagle pinned Psycho . . . **The Wild Maverick** pinned **The Rock** following a flying bodyblock . . . **Dex Deaton** defeated **"Hollywood" John Tatum** by disqualification . . . **The Grim Reaper** & **Skullcrusher** defeated **T.C. Gold** & **Country Boy Kell** when Skullcrusher pinned Gold . . . **Tom Jones** used a small package to pin **Shawn Summers** . . . **"Wild" Bill Irwin** pinned **Gary Young** when manager **Skandor Akbar** accidentally hit Young.

—Clark Peterson

MIFFLINTOWN, PA, Saturday, April 11: Wrestling Independent Network at Juniata High School: **Adrian Hall** pinned **Ricky Blues** to win the Atlantic Coast mid-heavyweight title . . . **Morgus the Maniac** defeated **J.T. Smith** by pinfall, but used brass knuckles before the pin . . . **Cheetah Kid** beat **Max Thrasher** . . . North American champion **Tom Brandi** defeated **Agent Orange** by disqualification when Orange sprayed mist into Brandi's eyes . . . **The Cream Team** battled **The Brat Pack** to a double-disqualification . . . Atlantic Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion **Kirk Dredd** pinned **Sledgehammer McGill** . . . **The Honky Tonk Man** pinned **Bam Bam Bigelow** after belting Bigelow with his guitar . . . **Bam Bam Bigelow** won a 14-man battle royal by eliminating **The Honky Tonk Man** and **Max Thrasher.**

—Timothy A. Walker

DALLAS, PA, Saturday, April 11: Middle Atlantic States at Dallas Intermediate School: **Viper** pinned **Lethal Action** in 8:43 . . . **Earthquake Ferris** pinned **Russian Brute** in 6:31 . . . **Slash** battled **Gama Singh** to a double-countout in 9:53 . . . **Humongous** pinned **Sheik Zatar** in 3:46 . . . **The Comet** pinned **The Master of Disaster** in 13:59 . . . Tag team champions **Gen. Felker** & **Deathstar** battled **The Equalizers** to a 30-minute draw . . . **Les Thornton** pinned **Teijho Khan** in 17 minutes to win the Middle Atlantic States National championship in a battle of top contenders . . . Heavyweight champion **Lew Cella** pinned **M.C. Muscles** in 37:04.

—Mike Owens

MURFREESBORO, TN, Saturday, April 11: WCW at the Murfree Center: **Nikita Koloff** pinned **"Diamond" Dallas Page** . . . **Junkyard Dog** beat **Richard Morton** . . . **Mike Graham** & **Greg Valentine** defeated **Tom Zenk** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **Cactus Jack** . . . **Barry Windham** & **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Steve Austin** & **Larry Zbyszko** in a bunkhouse match . . . U.S. champion **Rick Rude** beat **Rick Steamboat** by disqualification . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat World tag team champions **Arn Anderson** & **Bobby Eaton** by disqualification . . . World champion **Sting** pinned **Big Van Vader.**

—Steve Bryant

DALLAS, TX, Friday, April 10: GWF at the Sportatorium: **Steven Dane** pinned **Todd Overbow** with a rollup after **Skandor Akbar** distracted Overbow . . . **Terry Simms** battled **The Viper** to a time-limit draw . . . **Gary Young** pinned **Scott Putski** after **Steven Dane** interfered . . . **"Wild" Bill Irwin** pinned **Bull Pain** . . . Referee **James Beard** defeated manager **Bruce Prichard** in a get-stripped-and-lose match . . . **Eddie Gilbert** & **Angel of Death** defeated **The Dark Patriot** & **Big Bad John** when Angel of Death hit Dark Patriot with a chair and Gilbert pinned him.

—Freddie Fargo

RAINELLE, WV, Friday, April 10: PWF at Rainelle High School: **"Gorgeous" George South** won an eight-man bunkhouse stampede . . . Heavyweight champion **Italian Stallion** defeated **"Mean" Mark Canterbury** . . . Junior heavyweight champion **"Gorgeous" George South** beat **Southern Rocker** . . . **Cruel Connection II** beat **Hillbilly** . . . **Flaming Youth** defeated **Black Scorpion** . . . **Russian Assassin** beat **Star Ryder.**

—Bob Whating

KNOXVILLE, TN, Thursday, April 9: WCW at the City Coliseum: **Junkyard Dog** defeated **Ricky Morton** . . . **Mike Graham** & **Greg Valentine** beat **Tom Zenk** & **Marcus Alexander Bagwell** . . . **Ron Simmons** pinned **Cactus Jack** . . . **Nikita Koloff** defeated **"Diamond" Dallas Page** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** & **Barry Windham** defeated **Larry Zbyszko** & **Steve Austin** in a bunkhouse match . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat World tag team champions **Arn Anderson** & **Bobby Eaton** by disqualification . . . World champion **Sting** pinned **Big Van Vader** . . . **Rick Steamboat** defeated U.S. champion **Rick Rude** by disqualification.

—David Faber

MESQUITE, TX, Wednesday, April 8: MAWA at the Villa Inn: **Mark Cox** defeated **The Outlaw** by disqualification when he was thrown over the top rope . . . **Jimmy James** & **Tom Powers** defeated **Thunder** & **Ebony** when Powers pinned Thunder after a bulldog . . . **The California Stud** pinned **"Major" Chuck West** after a powerslam . . . **Action Jackson** pinned **The Natural One** following a powerslam . . . **The Stomper** pinned **Carl Colt.**

—Freddie Fargo

MIRAMAR, PUERTO RICO, Wednesday, April 8: WWC TV taping at the Miramar Naval Base auditorium: **La Ley** beat **Fidel Sierra** by disqualification . . . **Ricky Santana** pinned **The Fly** . . . **Ron Starr** & **Doug Masters** beat **Rex King** & **El Corsario** when Masters pinned Corsario . . . **Ricky Santana** beat **Assassin I** . . . **Miguel Perez Jr.** pinned **Texas Hangman Killer** . . . **Heartbreaker Adonis** pinned **El Corsario** . . . **Doug Masters** pinned **The Rockin' Rebel** . . . **Texas Hangman Killer** and **Bronco I** were both counted out . . . **Ron Starr** pinned **El Corsario** . . . **Ricky Santana** & **Rex King** beat **Texas Hangman Killer** & **Fidel Sierra** by disqualification . . . **Invader I** & **Miguel Perez Jr.** defeated **Texas Hangman Killer** & **Assassin I** when Perez pinned Assassin . . . **Ricky Santana** & **Rex King** beat **Ron Starr** & **Doug Masters** by disqualification . . . **Fidel Sierra** defeated **The Rockin' Rebel** . . . **Doug Masters, Ron Starr,** & **Fidel Sierra** battled **Ricky Santana, Rex King,** & **Bronco I** to a double-disqualification.

—Pablo Soto

KINGSTON, PA, Wednesday, April 8: Middle Atlantic States Wrestling at the Armory: **Slash** pinned **Skull Mason** . . . **Sheik Zatar** pinned **Capt. Slinker** . . . **Gama Singh** pinned **M.C. Muscles** . . . **Deathstar** pinned **Russian Brute** . . . **Dom Kolesar** pinned **The Comet** . . . Heavyweight champion **Lew Cella** beat **Humongous** by disqualification.

—Mike Owens

KALAMAZOO, MI, Tuesday, April 8: WWF TV taping at K-Wing Stadium: World champion **Randy Savage** beat **Irwin R. Schyster** . . . World champion **Randy Savage** pinned **Ric Flair** . . . **Berzerker** battled **Undertaker** to a no-contest . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** pinned **Papa Shango** . . . **Repo Man** defeated **Chris Hawn** . . . **Sid Justice** pinned **Chris Walker** . . . **Tito Santana** beat **Repo Man** by disqualification . . . World tag team champions **Irwin R. Schyster** & **Ted DiBiase** beat **Sgt. Slaugher** & **Hacksaw Duggan** by disqualification . . . **Virgil** defeated **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Shawn Michaels** beat Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** by disqualification . . . **Jim Powers** pinned **Louis Spicoli** . . . **Chris Walker** beat **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Crush** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Papa Shango** beat **Greg Heimer** . . . **Bret Hart** beat **Jim Bennett** . . . **Berzerker** beat **Mark Roberts** . . . **Irwin R. Schyster** & **Ted DiBiase** defeated **Buck Zumhofe** & **Jim Powers** . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Kevin Kruger** . . . **Shawn Michaels** pinned **George Anderson** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** beat **Steve Lombardi** . . . **The Natural Disasters** beat **Tom Stone** & **Ken Carlson** . . . **Tatanka** pinned **Brian Costello.**

—Kurt Schneider

TOLEDO, OH, Tuesday, April 7: WWF TV taping at the Sports Arena: Jim Powers pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Chris Walker** pinned **Louie Spicoli** . . . **Koko B. Ware** & **Owen Hart** defeated **Barry Horowitz** & **Kato** when Hart pinned Kato . . . **The Undertaker** pinned **Mike Gillman** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** defeated **Doug Strum** by submission with a clawhold . . . **Virgil** pinned **Kent Carlson** . . . **Chris Walker** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . World tag team champions **Irwin R. Schyster** & **Ted DiBiase** defeated **The Bushwhackers** . . . **Sid Justice** pinned **Ron Cumberledge,** who was carted off on a stretcher. Justice then threw Cumberledge off the stretcher, then pounded him with the stretcher. . . . **Koko B. Ware** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Virgil** pinned **Kent Carlson** . . . **Skinner** pinned **Dave Tyler** . . . Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** defeated **Barry Hardy** by submission with a "sharpshooter" leglock . . . **Kerry Von Erich** pinned **Bart Gilbert** . . . World tag team champions **Irwin R. Schyster** & **Ted DiBiase** defeated **Hacksaw Duggan** and **Sgt. Slaughter** by disqualification when Duggan used his 2 x 4 . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **Tom Bennett** . . . **Lanny "The Genius" Poffo** pinned **Brian Costello** . . . **Sid Justice** battled **The Undertaker** to a double-disqualification . . . **Ric Flair** pinned **Jim Powers** . . . **The Natural Disasters** defeated **Steve Lombardi** & **Boris Bianchi** . . . **Tito Santana** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Kato** . . . **Shawn Michaels** pinned **Louie Spicoli** . . . **Rick Martel** defeated **Rick Vaughn** by submission with a Boston crab . . . **Tatanka** pinned **Dwayne Gill** following a "totem pole" suplex . . . **Col. Mustafa** defeated **George Anderson** by submission with a camel clutch . . . **Shawn Michaels** defeated Intercontinental champion **Bret Hart** by countout when Hart chased manager **Sensational Sherri** . . . **Repo Man** battled **Davey Boy Smith** to a no-contest. With the referee knocked out, Repo Man used his rope to hang Smith from the ring ropes. WWF President **Jack Tunney** and federation officials untied Smith and carted him from the arena on a stretcher . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** pinned **Papa Shango** . . . World champion **Randy Savage** pinned **Ric Flair** after knocking him out with a foreign object.

—John Duffy

TROY, OH, Tuesday, April 7: Eastern Championship Wrestling's ICW division at the Arena: **Scott "The Rock" Stevens** won a battle royal . . . **Jerry "Conquest" Kinicki** pinned **Major Reno Havoc** . . . **"Badlands" Rex Bodie** pinned **Mad Max Anthony** . . . **Sabu the Elephant Boy** pinned **Dango Eungen** . . . **Johnny Paradise** pinned **Scott "The Rock" Stevens** . . . **Samson** pinned **"Leaping" Larry Wilson** . . . U.S. tag team champions **The Wild Bunch** defeated **The Nightmares.**

—Kurt Schneider

MEMPHIS, TN, Monday, April 6: USWA at Mid-South Coliseum: **Tom Prichard** defeated **Big Black Dog** . . . **Nurse Kratchitt** & **Lauren Davenport** wrestled **Miss Texas** & **"Dirty White Girl" Kimberly** to a no-contest . . . **Cat Garrett** & **Ricky Hayes** defeated **The Star Riders** by countout . . . **Eric Embry** & **Tony Falk** beat **Cat Garrett** & **King Cobra** when Embry pinned Cobra . . . Southern champion **Brian Christopher** defeated **Tony Anthony** by disqualification . . . Tag team champions **The Moondogs** beat **Jerry Lawler** & **Jeff Jarrett** when a new Moondog, **Cujo** (substituting for **Spike**), pinned Lawler . . . **Jerry Lawler** & **Jeff Jarrett** won a $10,000 tag team battle royal.

—Mark Mitchell

NEW ORLEANS, LA, Monday, April 6: National Wrestling Federation at St. Bernard's Cultural Center: **Joey Maggs** beat **Jimmy Rogers** . . . **Steve Ray** defeated **Jeff Daniels** . . . **Robert Gibson, Bob Holly,** & **Steve Prichard** beat **Nasty Massey, Bob Orton Jr.,** & **Dusty Wolfe** . . . **Eli the Eliminator** battled **Chris Adams** to a double-countout . . . **Paul Orndorff** beat **Ron Powers** by disqualification . . . **Butch Reed** beat **Manny Fernandez** by disqualification.

—Brett Wolfe

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COVER STORY
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Rod Price, the former Global tag team champions, participate as a team when competing in GWF. However, when competing in other leagues, the two split up, with apparently no ill will between them. "Hollywood" Tatum appeared on a Mid-South Wrestling Alliance card on April 11 in Oklahoma City, losing by disqualification to **Dex Deaton**. Price, wrestling as **The California Stud** for the Mid-American Wrestling Alliance, pinned **"Major" Chuck West** on April 8 in Mesquite, Texas.

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Former WWF star **Paul Roma** is now 1-1 as a heavyweight boxer. The former member of **Power & Glory** was impressive in scoring a TKO victory over **Norman Fortini** on April 1 in Randolph, Massachusetts. Roma showed good power and surprising counterpunching skills in flooring Fortini three times in just 47 seconds before the referee stopped the bout.

"Paul's smart," he learns fast, and he has a bit of power," said Roma's trainer, **Kevin Rooney**, who formerly worked with **Mike Tyson**, in the Brockton, Massachusetts, *Patriot Ledger*. "Down the road, we'd love to match him with [former NFL star] **Mark Gastineau** and put 10,000 into some arena, like Boston Garden."

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The hardest-working man in the sport may be former USWA champion **Koko B. Ware**, who returned to the WWF last week with **Frankie**, his mascot parrot, and teamed with **Owen Hart** in a pair of tag team victories . . . A fast-rising federation is Wrestling Independent Network, which holds cards predominantly in the Middle Atlantic states. In Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, **The Honky Tonk Man** defeated **Bam Bam Bigelow** after bashing Bigelow with his famed guitar. Later in the card, Bigelow got his revenge by winning a 14-man battle royal, eliminating The Honky Tonk Man and **Max Thrasher** . . . At an NWF card in New Orleans, **"Mr. Wonderful" Paul Orndorff** returned to action with a disqualification victory over **Ron Powers**, and **Butch Reed** also scored a disqualification victory over **Manny Fernandez**. Both Reed and Fernandez are former NWA World tag team champions—Reed with **Ron Simmons**, and Fernandez with **Dusty Rhodes** and **Rick Rude**. ☐

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